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Randy Fiorini, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council
980 9th Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814



THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

Subject: Draft Proposed Delta Plan Amendments for Conveyance, Storage and Operations

Dear Chair Fiorini:

On behalf of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), I am pleased to affirm support for the goals of providing a reliable water supply for California and restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through the proposed amendment of the Delta Plan for improved conveyance, storage, and water supply operations.

The Delta Plan provides key guidance to local state and federal agencies and helps to coordinate their many actions related to water management. Particularly important are those actions that must be reviewed by the Delta Stewardship Council to ensure consistency with the overall Delta Plan, such as a modernization of the existing water plan through the state / federal proposal known as California WaterFix.

On March 6, 2017, the WRCOG Executive Committee, the Agency's governing Board comprised of elected officials from our 23 member agencies, adopted a resolution to support the California WaterFix and California Eco-Restore. In that resolution, WRCOG's Executive Committee recognized in that "the Delta is not sustainable as it exists today..."

The draft Delta Plan amendments before you acknowledge that the status quo in the Delta is not in the best interest of either the Delta environment or the California economy. WRCOG supports the guidance to modernize the system by constructing new water intakes in a manner that protects the Delta as an evolving place. Amending the Delta Plan in this manner will provide important and balanced direction. We encourage you to initiate the necessary environmental review process to formally amend the Delta Plan to incorporate the proposed revisions.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts to improve California water management and Delta restoration. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (951) 955-8303 or bishop@wrcog.cog.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Rick Bishop
Executive Director